

## ITALY STRIKES AT AUSTRIA ON SEA AND LAND

### FLOTILLA OF BOATS ATTACKED

Water Craft, Quay and Military  
Barracks Destroyed—Cavalry  
Forces Back Outpost—  
King Goes to Front

By United Press.  
Rome, May 25.—The Italian forces have crossed the Austrian frontier and are threatening the city of Goritz, the capital of the province of Goritz. The war office confirmed the report of the Italian invasion of Goritz and announced the capture of Carignano, Cormone and Terzo.

The invaders comprised a body of troops which were supporting the Italian cavalrymen who earlier in the day were reported to have driven back the Austrian outposts.

By United Press.  
Rome, May 25.—Italy delivered land and sea blows upon the Austrians. Italian cavalry crossing the border and forcing a strong outpost of the enemy to retire, says an official statement issued here today.

The statement also said an Italian destroyer made an attack upon an Austrian motor boat flotilla at Porto Buzo, in an Austrian harbor.

The flotilla of motor boats was destroyed, while the quay and military barracks were wrecked, two of the enemy being killed. Forty-seven prisoners, including some Austrian officers, were taken, the statement said.

The king has left for the front. The German ambassador was greatly moved as his old servant wept on his shoulder when he was departing for home. He said he would be back soon.

The reported engagement near Rivoli has not been confirmed. The official statement claims that the Italian fleet sank a German warship in the battle yesterday at Ancona.

Later it was reported that the ship was sunk by Austrian fire.

London, May 25.—When the great European war began, Italy's army was considerably below the normal peace footing estimated at three hundred thousand men. Almost half of these troops were in Tripoli. Three classes of men were called to the colors immediately and others were summoned from time to time until now the active or first line army numbers more than one million men of all arms.

The age limit of active service in Italy is 32. Men between that age and 40 from the territorial army, consisting of eight classes, amount to about 1,150,000 second line troops. There also are about one million men trained, but exempt from military service, who, in case of urgent necessity, could be called to arms. Volunteer corps likewise could be formed, so that Italy's war strength, including resources of all kinds, is figured at about four million men.

In eight months Italy has spent 400 million dollars in military preparations. Profiting by the lessons of the war to date, particular attention was paid to artillery and its equipment in this army, from machine guns to heavy siege pieces, is said to be unexcelled in the world's armies. Its heavy guns are reported to be superior to the new famous German and Austrian type, and in military circles there have been rumors that it has evolved a field piece of about three inch caliber exceeding in range, accuracy, ease of handling and effectiveness of projectile, even the famous French "75."

Italy has a powerful fleet of modern warships. The Duke of the Abruzzi, cousin of King Victor Emmanuel, who is the chief naval officer of Italy, recently assumed command of five dreadnaughts, the most powerful squadron ever assembled under the Italian flag. In addition, Italy has eight warships of the pre-dreadnaught

type, nine armored cruisers, thirteen protected cruisers and the usual complement of destroyers and torpedo boats. It also has twenty-five submarines.

Italy's population (1913) is given as 35,238,000. Military or naval service is compulsory and universal.

Balkan States Silent.

Roumania, Greece and Bulgaria as yet have made no move. The government of Bulgaria has reiterated that it will continue to observe an attitude of neutrality so long as Bulgarian interests are not directly affected, and it sees no reason why they should be. The opposition is urging that Bulgaria should seize the opportunity to join with the allies.

Bulgaria may be drawn in through an incident which has arisen between her and Turkey over the seizure by Turkey of a number of Bulgarian railway cars loaded with goods. Sofia has lodged a protest against this action; Roumania may be affected by a change of fortune in the battle in middle Galicia. Russia here is delivering a strong counter offensive and has regained some ground along the San river north of Jaroslau.

## TO TIGHTEN BLOCKADE

By United Press.  
Washington, May 25.—With some of her fighting ships freed by the entrance of Italy into the war, England is reported to be planning to be more active against merchant vessels that are carrying on a large commerce with countries contiguous to Germany.

The belief is expressed here that persistence in this policy by Great Britain will mean trouble and additional complications for this country.

More Neutrality Declared.

By United Press.  
Washington, May 25.—The president's neutrality proclamation toward Austria-Hungary and Italy was issued by the state department today. It is practically the same as the others previously issued.

## ARGUE WITH INK STAND

By United Press.  
Austin, Tex., May 25.—Hostilities were narrowly averted in the state senate here today when two belligerent statesmen had a near clash.

On the course of the argument on the Gibson insurance bill, the war of words waxed so warm that Senator Gibson seized an ink well and attempted to hurl it at Senator Lattimer. Non-combatants interfered, a dozen or more rushing into the firing line to check the offensive movement of Gibson.

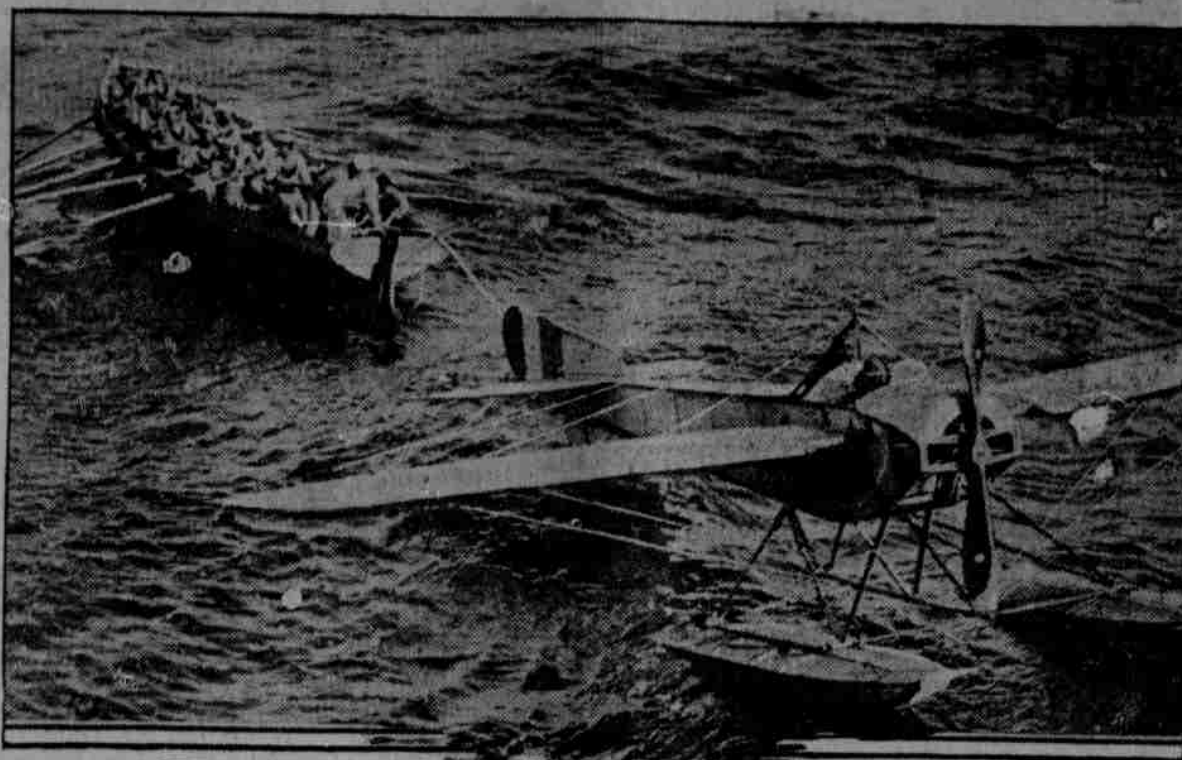
Senator Nugent also delivered a broadside in the course of the battle, declaring that anybody who said a loan from an insurance company had influenced his vote was a "dirty liar."

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"IMPORTANT (?) IF TRUE"

By United Press.  
Washington, May 25.—Official circles here generally credit the story coming from Bowling Green, Mo., that Secretary Bryan will not be invited to the wedding of Miss Genevieve, the daughter of Speaker Clark. It is believed that the feeling arising between Bryan and Clark at the time of the Baltimore convention is still strong.

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## AEROPLANES AID WARSHIPS IN THE DARDANELLES



This photograph, taken in the Dardanelles, shows the return of a seaplane to a cruiser after making a flight over the Turkish fortifications. One of the wings was perforated by the rifle fire of the Turks. The seaplane is being taken in tow by a cutter.

## NATIONAL MEETING IS OPENED

Manufacturing Magnates Hold 20th  
Annual Convention in New  
York—Notable Speakers  
on Program

By United Press.  
New York, May 25.—The twentieth annual convention of the National Association of Manufacturers opened today at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel. Prominent manufacturers from all parts of the United States were assembled to discuss the effects of the year's political and economic developments, internal and international, on their business. William Howard Taft, former president of the United States; Senator Warren C. Harding of Ohio and other speakers of national reputation will address the manufacturers.

The subject of Taft's address is announced to be "Clayton Act and Other Things." It is expected that the former President will avail himself of this opportunity to express to business men from all parts of the country his view on the present political situation. The Clayton act, which was vigorously opposed by many of the prominent organizations of business men, opens a field for discussion of great interest to manufacturers, the business legislation passed by the last congress. James A. Emery of the National Council for Industrial Defense, will outline the work of the newly created federal trade commission, which is vested with plenary powers over corporate-business interests, and there will be a general discussion of the effect of the activities of this body on the manufacturing industry.

The federal commission on Industrial Relations, which has been investigating the causes of industrial unrest, will also receive consideration at the convention sessions. The attitude which this commission has assumed toward employers in general and the trend taken by the commission at various hearings will be discussed by Walter Drew of the National Erectors' association.

It has been estimated by experts that the members the National Association of Manufacturers supply about one half of the world's railroad track and equipment, three fourths of the world's means of telephonic communication, and the mechanical equipment, paper and ink necessary to produce one third of the newspapers and magazines published on the globe. They also excel in the production of other staple commodities, manufacturing more shoes in one day than are produced by the leading foreign competitors of the United States in a week, producing eighty per cent of the automobiles on earth, and gathering with machines made in their factories half of the harvest of the world.

TEX. POSTMASTERS CONVENE.

Waco, Tex., May 25.—The annual convention of state postmasters met here today. Greetings from Postmaster General Burleson, himself a Texan, were expected.

## INDICT ROCKEFELLER?

By United Press.  
Washington, May 25.—It is reported that the revelations made before the federal commission on industrial relations may lead to the filing of charges against John D. Rockefeller, Jr. and other mine owners, alleging responsibility for the death of one or more persons in the massacre at Ludlow, Colo.

## RECITAL BY MISS DAVIS A SUCCESS

Last night's entertainment at the Christian church for the purpose of raising money to redecorate the interior of the church proved a success financially, and more than a success artistically, as the reader of the evening, Miss Frances Davis, held her appreciative audience enthralled for more than an hour and a half.

Miss Davis read from Veiller's "Within the Law," prefaced by a miscellaneous program of selections in Norwegian dialect, as well as unusual and amusing numbers from Kipling, Eugene Field, Ben King and others.

Perhaps the selection which showed the most dramatic ability in the reader was Mercutio's Queen Mab speech from "Romeo and Juliet," her interpretation of this poetic bit being masterful and filled with romantic fancy, drawing prolonged applause from the audience.

The rendition of "Within the Law" demands both melodramatic and comic work, in both of which Miss Davis was infallible.

Miss Davis, who is teacher of expression at the Oklahoma College for Women, was known as a reader of exceptional ability even while she was a pupil in the public schools here. During the years since she left here she has improved her natural talents by thorough training with some of the leading teachers of her art in the country. The large audience which greeted her last night and the marked enthusiasm with which her entire program was received, encore after encore being called for, all together constituted a striking testimonial to the artistic accomplishments of the reader and high favor which she has won among the "home folks."

## U. S. RECORD IS BROKEN

By United Press.  
Washington, May 25.—Secretary of Commerce Redfield told the cabinet at the meeting today that the trade balance in favor of the U. S. from August to May 25 will exceed nine hundred million dollars, breaking all records. For April alone the balance was nearly one hundred and twenty-three millions.

## ARRESTED FOR FALSE PRETENSE

George Hunnicut Brought Back  
from Arizona to Face Charge  
Auto Deal Cause of His  
Troubles

Charged with obtaining property under false pretense, George Hunnicut was landed in the county jail last night, having been brought here from Arizona by Deputy Bos Castleman after his arrest was effected by the Arizona officers at Flagstaff, upon information furnished by Hodge Bailey, sheriff of Grady county.

According to the story in connection with Hunnicut's arrest, he came to Chickasha about two months ago, presumably from Dallas, Tex., where was claimed, he owned a large home and an estate. He is alleged to have posed as an owner of a drug store and other property at Ninnekah also. He purchased a Reo car from Henry DuBose, local agent, and is reported to have given Mr. DuBose a check for \$600 as part payment on the machine. The check was on the Ninnekah bank. It was reported that Hunnicut gave another check for \$400 later on the car, using the machine for about two weeks, when it was discovered that the checks failed to get the money.

Mr. DuBose got his car and Hunnicut left the city. He has been away from here about a month. By correspondence, Hodge Bailey, sheriff, located the man near Phoenix, Ariz., and notified the officers there to arrest him. A few days ago he received a telegram stating that the man was in jail and dispatched Deputy Castleman to Phoenix at once.

His preliminary hearing has not been set, but it will probably be held within the next few days. Sheriff Bailey stated this morning that Hunnicut wrote a letter while in jail at Phoenix, stating that he had plenty of money to pay off all the debts he had made here, but Deputy Castleman displayed 30 cents this morning among the effects taken from Hunnicut, stating that that amount was the total taken from his person when arrested.

## WEATHER ELSEWHERE

Western Union reports received at 8 a. m.:

Texas.  
Generally cloudy; no rain. Temperature 75.

Oklahoma.  
Generally clear, warm; no rain. Reported temperature 75.

Arkansas.  
Generally cloudy, no rain. Temperature 68.

## WEATHER FORECAST.

For Oklahoma.

Tonight and Wednesday, generally cloudy, cooler tonight in west portion. Local Temperature.

During the twenty-four hours ending at 8 a. m.  
Maximum - 83  
Minimum - 69

## OFFENSIVE RENEWED BY RUSSIA

Petrograd Report Declares Slavs  
are Dealing Smashing Blows at  
Austro-German Forces and  
Pressing Forward

## FIERCE FIGHTING EAST OF YPRES

Germans Concentrate Heavily—  
Issue of the Battle in Doubt  
but French Claim All At-  
tacks are Repulsed

By United Press.

Petrograd, May 25.—The Russians are on the offensive four hundred miles from southeastern Poland to southeastern Galicia and are dealing smashing strokes at the Austro-German armies, says the official statement issued today.

It is stated that the Germans are attacking in the Shavil and Kovno regions. The Slavs are pressing forward southeast of Stry though the Austro-German forces are stubbornly resisting their advance.

The war office claims today that Germans must soon evacuate their positions on the east bank of the San river.

By United Press.

Paris, May 25.—The Germans concentrated a large body of troops near Langemark and are attacking fiercely along the road east of Ypres. The result of the battle is still doubtful.

The war office here claims that the English troops repulsed all German attacks during the last twelve hours.

Thirty miles to the south the French are battling with equal desperation and working great havoc upon the Germans, especially around Abtain, it is claimed.

U. S. Consulate Menaced.

By United Press.  
Washington, May 25.—The United States consul at Venice notified the state department today that one of the Austro-German aeroplanes that was making a scouting raid on May 23 flew directly over the consulate amid a rain of shot and shells. The raiders threw several bombs at the city.

By United Press.

Berne, May 25.—Germany, Austria and Italy have agreed not to violate the neutrality of Switzerland but border patrols will be maintained.

Repulse Turk Attack.

By United Press.  
Athens, May 25.—Dispatches from Mytilene today report that the allies repulsed a Turk attack and are developing a new offensive in the Dardanelles. The fleet is again bombarding the forts.

## NEW BAND IS BOOMING

The first rehearsal of the newly organized Chickasha Concert band was held last night at the city hall with encouraging prospects for the leader and members of the organization. Several new members were taken in, increasing the membership to more than 25. At a meeting of the musicians' union tomorrow night, several topics pertaining to the future of the organization will be taken up.

Work was started last night on a program for a free concert to be given by the band in the near future. The date and details of the concert have not as yet been completed and will be announced later. The object of the concert is to get the band before the public and to further the interest therein toward a real musical organization for Chickasha.

Mr. Sager, director of the band, stated that he had about 12 applications on file for membership in the second division of the band, that is in the beginners' class, from which he hopes to develop some good talent with which to recruit the band proper.

## LEAGUE IS FORMALLY ORGANIZED

Officers Elected and Constitution  
Adopted—Exhibition Game and  
Benefit Shows at Theatres  
to Raise Suit Funds

## PICKED TEAMS WILL PERFORM

With "Jake" and Wier as Captains  
"Athletics" and "Braves"  
Will Put on Some Show  
for the Fans

(By "Oscar.")

With the safety valve of enthusiasm popping off, the players and fans met last night at the city hall, adopted the constitution and by-laws of the City League, elected permanent officers and transacted other business that will, within a limited number of days, get the four teams away in what promises to be the best race ever witnessed in the city.

The proposition of securing the suits for the players came in for more discussion than any other topic and several plans were adopted by which uniforms may be secured. The load will be lifted entirely from the shoulders of the business men and merchants, for the baseball men think that the customary rule of asking the merchants for donations should be eliminated. All that will be asked of the merchants will be their support as baseball fans.

The first method of raising funds for uniforms will be an exhibition game to be played at University park next Sunday, the two teams to be selected from the best baseball talent in the city. The president appointed T. E. Jacobs and Bobby Weir as the rival captains. They will get together as to players and pick two teams of as even strength as possible in order to put on a jam up show.

"Jake" will captain the "Athletics," with Weir as pilot of the "Braves." Whether or not Bobby can come across with the "wonder team of baseball" as did our mutual friend George Stallings last fall, or whether Jacobs, with his crew can run true to form, remains to be seen. Tickets for the game will be on sale tomorrow and will be at two bits each. Out of the 75 or more fans and players assembled at the city hall last night, practically every one made application to one manager or the other for a position on one of the teams to appear Sunday.

Work toward getting the park in perfect shape will be started early this week. The grounds will be mowed, the grandstand cleaned and the entire "plant" put in the best possible shape for the battle Sunday.

Managers Blackstone and Olive of the Kozzy and Sugg theaters readily agreed to stage benefit shows, the proceeds to go to the suit fund of the league. Next Monday night, May 31, has been selected as the date for the Sugg benefit show, with the Kozzy show coming on one day later, June 1. In addition to the funds to be raised by the benefit shows and ball game, the managers of each team of the league are raising funds individually from the supporters of the various clubs.

The adoption of the constitution came without a hitch, but with a few suggestions which it was unanimously agreed created a stronger document and one that is more agreeable to all concerned. In so far as is possible, the constitution eliminates all possibility of professionalism or players performing for money in the league. For the first offense of this nature, the club forfeits all games in which the player guilty of receiving money for his services appeared, and for the second offense of any one club, that club forfeits all games won to that date.

Every player eligible to a position on any team in the league must have been a resident within the city limits of Chickasha on May 19, the date of the league's first meeting, or must at that time be employed in Chickasha.

All to Have Tryout.

Every ball player in the city, whether he be a worker in the various

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